



His Majesties
MOST GRACIOUS
S P E E C H
To both HOUSES of
PARLIAMENT.

On *Thursday* the Fourth Day of *May*, 1699.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

AT the Opening this Parliament I told you My Opinion was, That You were come together with Hearts fully disposed to do what was Necessary for the Safety, Honour and Happiness of the Kingdom; and having nothing else to Recommend to you, I had Reason to hope for Unanimity and Dispatch.

You have now Sat so many Months, that the Season of the Year, as well as your particular Affairs, make it reasonable you should have a Recess; I take it for granted you have Finish't all the Bills which for the present you think Requisite to be Pas't into Laws, and I have given My Assent to all You have Presented to Me.

If any thing shall be found Wanting for Our Safety, the Support of Publick Credit by making good the Faith of the Kingdom as it stands Engaged by Parliamentary Securities, and for Discharge of the Debts Occasioned by the War, or towards the Advancing of Trade, the Suppressing of Vice, and the Employing of the Poor, which were all the things I Proposed to your Consideration when We met first, I cannot doubt but effectual Care will be taken of them next Winter; and I wish no Inconvenience may happen in the mean time.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesties Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HIS Majesties Royal Will and Pleasure is, That this Parliament should be Prorogued to *Thursday* the First Day of *June* next; And this Parliament is Prorogued accordingly, to *Thursday* the First Day of *June* next.